

New Hampshire, Daniel Webster said, "God grants liberty only to those who love it, and are always ready to guard and defend it." In this spirit, a week after graduating from Central, Ryan left for Marine Corps Recruit Training at Parris Island, SC. After completing his initial training, Ryan went to the School of Infantry at Camp Lejeune, NC, where he graduated as mortarman. In February 2006, then Private First Class McCaughn joined 1st Battalion, 6th Marines at Camp Lejeune.

In March 2006, Ryan was promoted to Lance Corporal; 6 months later he arrived in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Tragically, on November 7, 2006, this brave marine was killed during combat operations in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device detonated while he was conducting combat operations against enemy forces. Throughout his short career, Ryan earned accolades which testify to the dedication and devotion he held for the Marine Corps, his fellow marines, and his country. Lance Corporal McCaughn's awards and decorations include the National Defense Service Medal, the Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

Patriots from the State of New Hampshire have served our Nation with honor and distinction from Bunker Hill to Baghdad—and U.S. Marine Corps LCpl Ryan McCaughn served in that fine tradition. As he told his mother, he knowingly put himself in harm's way so that others did not have to, and for this, we are eternally grateful. To his last day, Lance Corporal McCaughn exemplified the motto of the U.S. Marine Corps, "Semper Fidelis—Always Loyal."

My heartfelt sympathy, condolences and prayers go out to Ryan's parents, his brothers, and his family and friends who have suffered this grievous hurt. The death of Ryan, only 19 years old, on a battlefield far from New Hampshire is a true loss for our State, our Nation and the world. Although he will be sorely missed by all, his family and friends may sense some comfort in knowing that because of his devotion, sense of duty, and selfless dedication, the safety and liberty of each and every American is more secure. May God bless LCpl Ryan Thomas McCaughn.

#### SERGEANT JEREMY MULHAIR

Mr. HAGEL. Mr. President, I rise to express my sympathy over the loss of U.S. Army SSG Jeremy Mulhair of Nebraska. Sergeant Mulhair died when an explosion hit his vehicle near Taji, Iraq.

Sergeant Mulhair grew up in the rural areas northwest of Omaha. He attended Omaha Central High School. Sergeant Mulhair enlisted with the Army National Guard in 1995. He joined the Guard for both his deep sense of patriotism and a strong respect for his father Jerry, who served in Vietnam.

Sergeant Mulhair turned his National Guard duty into a job in the reg-

ular Army. He had been in Iraq since October, serving with the Apache Troop, 1st Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment. This was his second tour of duty in Iraq. Sergeant Mulhair had served in South Korea as well.

Sergeant Mulhair was a devoted family man. He and his wife Suzie had three children: 9-year-old Celina, 8-year-old Jeremy, Jr., and 9-month-old Maybel. The family hoped to have another child when he returned from Iraq. Thousands of brave Americans like Sergeant Mulhair are currently serving in Iraq.

In addition to his wife and children, Sergeant Mulhair is survived by his parents Jerry and Mildred of Kimballton, IA, brother Robert Mulhair of Mead, NE, and sisters Dixie Heisner and Tammy Lines of Omaha.

I ask my colleagues to join me and all Americans in honoring SSG Robert Mulhair.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### TRIBUTE TO CHAPLAIN BARRY BLACK

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, as I depart this body, I would like to extend a heartfelt personal thank you to Chaplain Barry Black. From comforting staff and Members in the wake of tragic deaths to leading erudite Bible study groups, to opening the Senate each morning with prayer, Chaplain Barry Black has shown himself the epitome of a great minister. He is a man of keen intellect, enormous oratorical skill, and great faith.

Personally, I have always been taken by his voice as he offers our opening prayers each morning we are in session. He has a voice that makes everyone perk up, listen, and remain attentive.

I have seen Chaplain Black become a friend, an ally, and a helper to staff and Members from all points on the political spectrum. He has kept his door open to people of all faiths and, as a Seventh Day Adventist minister himself, has helped many Christian Senators and staff—including me—enter into a closer and more meaningful relationship with Jesus Christ.

I am delighted that he will be continuing his service and I am pleased that I could have the honor of appointing him. Barry Black, thank you.

#### TRIBUTE TO BILL PICKLE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, Since 2003, Bill Pickle has served this body with enormous distinction. As the Senate's Sergeant at Arms, he has helped us and he has protected us. Now, as he de-

parts, I wish to thank him, recognize him, and honor him.

For over 3 years, he has excelled in one of the hardest jobs I know of, not just in the Senate, not just in our legislative branch, not just in our Federal Government but I honestly believe, in the entire Nation.

When I came to the job as majority leader, I wanted to find the best professional possible in law enforcement, information technology, security, and continuity planning to lead the Sergeant at Arms operation. I found him in Bill Pickle, and it was one of the smartest decisions I made during my tenure as leader. Bill is the consummate professional. He is smart, with good instincts, and like my colleagues, I value his counsel and insight.

Originally, his office existed to keep order in the Senate Chamber and compel the attendance of Members for votes. In this body's early days, the Sergeant at Arms would circulate through the drinking houses of what was then known as Washington City, rounding up recalcitrant Members and dragging them—sometimes by the coat tails—back to the Senate Chamber.

Perhaps today's members do a slightly better job showing up for votes. To my knowledge, Bill Pickle has never had to bodily drag any of my colleagues in for a vote, but that has not made his job easier.

Today's Sergeant at Arms is part security specialist, part corporate executive, and part management information systems administrator, and that is just part of it. Every day, the Sergeant at Arms' office must deal with the demands of 100 opinionated, demanding men and women, thousands of American citizens, officials from every part of our own Government, and people from around the world.

The duties that fall under his office range from running our recording studio to serving on the board that oversees the U.S. Capitol Police, but one thing unites them all their ability to connect this body to the people of this Nation.

Through his leadership, his courage, and his vision, against immense challenges, Bill Pickle has kept this building and this body open and accessible to the people we serve.

During the whole of Bill Pickle's time in office, our Nation has been at war against Islamic fascists, enemies who wish to strike at the principles of openness and democratic governance that this body represents. And he has kept us safe. Not a single serious assault has occurred on this body during his time in office. The Capitol is safer than it has ever been. For that alone, we all owe him a debt of gratitude.

Every time his office has faced a challenge, Bill Pickle has risen to the occasion. Time after time, he has tackled difficult tasks with aplomb. He preside over a necessary expansion of the Capitol Police, appointed the Senate's first chief information officer, helped

oversee expansion of our computer networks needed to deal with the ever-growing stream of e-mail sent to our offices, and, of course, the demands to keep the Senate accessible amidst ever-changing security requirements. In short, he has realized the goals he set out for himself on his first day of work: Providing State-of-the art technology and world class security.

He has won the respect and admiration of people throughout the Senate, members of both parties.

Bill has taken continuity planning and security to a new level for us in the Senate, and I know his successor, our former police chief, Terry Gainer, will follow Bill's lead on these critical issues.

As a person with a long and distinguished career in law enforcement, I trust that Mr. Pickle will not mind if I paraphrase the great American police chief, August Vollmer. In his service to the Senate, I believe, Bill Pickle has shown "the wisdom of Solomon, the courage of David, the leadership of Moses, the strategic thinking of Alexander the Great, and the diplomacy of Lincoln."

Bill Pickle: I thank you, the Senate thanks you, and the Nation thanks you.

#### TRIBUTE TO DOLLY PARTON

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, a few days ago, an extraordinary Tennessean, Dolly Parton, received one of the 2006 Kennedy Center Honors. As a singer, a songwriter, an actress, a television producer, and an entrepreneur, she has emerged as one of the preeminent cultural figures of our era. Her life story, her talent, and her rise to success can serve as an inspiration for all Americans.

Dolly Parton, in fact, could turn out to be the last prominent American actually born in a log cabin. She was born at home on January 19, 1946. Growing up, by her own description, "dirt poor," in east Tennessee's town of Sevierville, her family of 14 lived in a hand-built log house. She discovered her gift for singing in church, gave public performances before she turned 10, recorded her first tracks at age 12, and appeared at the Grand Ole Opry at 13. Well-known country artists recorded her original compositions before she turned 20. Her own recordings hit the country charts for the first time with the song "Dumb Blonde" in 1966. Today, she has recorded more No. 1 Billboard hits than any other female artist ever and received 25 gold, platinum, and multiplatinum honors. She has been awarded a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, seven Grammy Awards, and two Oscar nominations. Her unique personal style and her sense of humor have influenced Americans across the country.

Since 1986, her theme park, Dollywood, has generated thousands of jobs and hundreds of millions of dollars of investment in the Great Smokey

Mountains. As one of the most visited theme parks in the country, Dollywood now serves as an economic anchor for east Tennessee. Today, a statue of her sits Sevierville's town square. She has also given back: Her Imagination Library charitable program has shared her love of reading with millions of children around the United States.

Dolly Parton stands as one of the most influential living Tennesseans. We all owe her a debt of gratitude.

I must close in expressing my strong agreement with sentiments about her own musical genre: "If you talk bad about country music, it's like saying bad things about my momma. Them's fightin' words."

Dolly Parton: I thank you. America thanks you.

#### TRIBUTE TO GEORGE MANIAS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, tomorrow is an historic day in Peoria, IL. It was exactly 60 years ago tomorrow—on December 6, 1946—that George Manias opened his shoeshine business with one shoeshine chair in the corner of a downtown barber shop.

George has been shining shoes in Peoria ever since—for working folks, movie stars, famous athletes, and at least two presidents.

This evening, the Peoria City Council will honor George Manias with a special resolution in his honor. I ask unanimous consent that the text of that resolution be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

Office of the Mayor—Proclamation  
60TH ANNIVERSARY, GEORGE'S SHOESHINE PARLOR, "WORLD HEADQUARTERS", PEORIA, ILLINOIS

Whereas, George Manias opened his shoeshine business in 1946, and he has been in the heart of Downtown for 60 years and is recognized by the City of Peoria for his genuine concern for people, his traditional work ethic, and his ability to continue to operate a successful small business in a changing environment; and

Whereas, George Manias has been locally and nationally recognized for many years and has been featured in the U.S.A. Today newspaper and on the Today Show on NBC; and

Whereas, George Manias has an open door to everyone from all walks of life and has served the citizens of Peoria, as well as local and national celebrities and elected officials, including President Ronald Reagan and Senator Everett Dirksen;

Now Therefore, I, Jim Ardis, Mayor of the City of Peoria, Illinois, do hereby congratulate

George Manias in Peoria, Illinois, on the occasion of the 60th Anniversary of George's Shoeshine Parlor.

Dated this 5th day of December 2006 A.D.  
Mayor

Mr. DURBIN. The resolution notes that George's shoeshine parlor has been in the heart of downtown Peoria for 60 years. Some would say that George's just flat is the heart of downtown Peoria.

Located across the street from the Peoria County Courthouse and kitty-corner from the world headquarters of the Caterpillar Incorporated, George's shoe shine parlor brings together people from all walks of life.

Among his customers are the judges, lawyers, police, politicians and other courthouse regulars; business leaders; celebrities; and other folks who appreciate the importance of caring for leather and looking your best.

They come in, sit down in one of George's nine shoe shine chairs with their shoes scuffed and dirty and five or six minutes later, they stand up with their shoes polished to a mirror finish, looking like new money. It's like the old 1950 song by Harry Stone and Jack Stapp, Chattanooga Shoe Shine Boy:

He makes the oldest kinda' leather look like new

You feel as though you want to dance when he gets through.

And it only costs \$3 a shine—the same price George has been charging for over 15 years.

George Manias is a master of an almost lost art. He is a shoeshine professional. He wears a white dress shirt and a bow tie every day.

A lot of shoeshine men nowadays apply the polish with a cloth. Not George. He's old school. He massages the polish into your shoes with his bare hands. He explains: The polish gets into the leather better that way. Then he buffs and shines and the next thing you know, your shoes look better than when you bought them.

Let me tell George's story. It is a great American story. George Manias was born in Peoria 75 years ago, the son of proud Greek immigrants, and he speaks with the accent of his parents' homeland. That's because, when he was 3 or 4 years old, his parents took the family back to Crete, to see George's grandfather, who was very ill.

While the family was in Crete, the Nazis invaded and George's father was taken prisoner.

In 1945, when the war ended, the Manias family was finally able to return to Peoria. They were practically penniless. Everyone had to work to support the family. George had to learn to speak English.

At 14, he started shining shoes at the old Paris Shoe Shine Parlor on Main Street, next to the Palace Theater. He charged 20 cents a shine.

Within a year, he had saved enough money to buy his own chair. He became an entrepreneur, working out of Ed and Roy Gibbs' Barber Shop.

In 1956, he opened his own 12-seat shoe shine parlor in the Old Niagara Building.

Over the years, George has had four different shops. The last three were all torn down to make way for bigger, taller buildings. He moved to his current location almost 20 years ago.

Today, a professional shoeshine might seem like a minor indulgence. But back when George started, a man